(PLL)'s existing terminal at Dahej and planned terminal at Kochi, as also Ratnagiri Gas and Power Project Limited (RGPPL)'s Dabhol terminal, has been considered as a source of gas.

Recommendations of Chaturvedi Committee

414. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intends to reduce the prices of petroleum products in view of the slump in international crude prices;

(b) whether Government has examined the recommendations of the Chaturvedi Committee and if so, whether the recommendations will be implemented selectively or as a package; and

(c) Government's stance on the suggestion of Chaturvedi Committee on differential fuel pricing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) In spite of the recent fall in the international oil prices, the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) continue to suffer substantial under-recoveries on marketing of sensitive petroleum products; namely petrol, diesel, PDS kerosene and domestic LPG. The under- recoveries of OMCs based on refinery gate prices applicable as on 01.10.2008 for PDS kerosene and domestic LPG and on 16.10.2008 for petrol and diesel are as under:

PDS Kerosene	Rs./Litre	28.07
Domestic LPG	Rs./Cyl.	322.14
Petrol	Rs./Litre	2.37
Diesel	Rs./Litre	6.45

The prices of crude oil and petroleum products in the international market fluctuate on daily basis. Government is closely monitoring the international oil prices and will continue to protect the interests of consumers.

(b) and (c) The recommendations of the Chaturvedi Committee are under consideration of the Government.

Blending of ethanol in petrol

415. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken a decision to permit mixing of ethanol in petrol in view of the fact that the oil prices have gone beyond control;

(b) if so, what will be its percentage; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) to (c) Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas *vide* its notification